

1951

OUT OF THIS WORLD

On the fifth of July we came to Buck's Rock,
Ready for two months of fun;
When at the barn our trunks we did dock--
One-seventy-two were as one.

Soon at the hall our products we sold,
While selling these things we had fun;
Carrot from seed and bowl from a mold--
One-seventy-two were as one.

Now we have come to August--the close,
We'll all admit we've had fun;
For the theme of our Yearbook, slogans we've chose--
And one-seventy-two are as one.



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THE CAMP THAT MADE NEW MILFORD

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Famous



ASK THE MAN WHO OWNS ONE



You have asked me to write about the slogan - Ask the Man Who Owns One - for our year book. I can understand why you selected that specific slogan for me. After all, I am the director of Buck's Rock --- and I do own it, in a way --- or do I? I'd like to tell you how I feel about it.

What is a Camp? The word is derived from the latin "Campus" which means a field. Let us then say that a Camp is a piece of land, and on that land, there are buildings which were built to meet the needs of the people living on that land. What is a country? In a broader sense, we can define it in the same way.

You say: Just a minute Ernie! We are not talking about a piece of land or a group of buildings. We meant Buck's Rock.

I know that, so let's go on from there! What makes a Camp? What makes a Country? It is the people who live there: it is their principles, their beliefs, their aims in life.

What makes Buck's Rock? It is you; it is our staff; it is all of us, working together, sharing our principles, our beliefs, our aims in life. We are Buck's Rock.

We have, each of us, contributed to it, and once we give a part of ourselves to something we believe in, it becomes a part of us:

I t b e c o m e s o u r p o s s e s s i o n !

You came to Buck's Rock because you believed in the ideas, the ideals represented by Buck's Rock. You brought to it your willingness to co-operate, your eagerness to achieve, your enthusiasm, your good-will. You brought this to Buck's Rock; you brought this to each other; you brought this to our staff.

And we, in turn, have brought to you all that we believe can be of benefit to you: our willingness to co-operate in all of your endeavors; our eagerness to help you in your achievements; our enthusiasm, our good will.

T h e r e f o r e , B u c k ' s R o c k
b e l o n g s t o a l l o f u s !

And the most valuable part of this, our possession, is that we can continue to give it to others, and by giving, it will only increase in value! And as time goes on, you will, perhaps, think of the slogan -- ASK THE MAN WHO OWNS ONE -- and then remember that there are possessions on this earth that can never belong to one single person, because they are so dynamic, so full of the positive elements of living that they must be shared by all.



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Looking back over Buck's Rock by Richard Levy

This is M. Richard Levyols. I have been asked by the august staff of the Yearbook of 1991 to write my memoirs stemming from my experiences at Buck's Rock forty years ago. It grieved me deeply to hear that Ernie had died-- I thought he would live a hundred more years, at least. Oh well, I will write my memoirs of Buck's Rock.

First, allow me to tell you something about myself. I am the director of Ecrivant Cie (Writing Inc.), Ceramik Americain, Bois Cie (Lumber, Inc.), L'art, and Francaise-American. I am deeply indebted to Buck's Rock for the attainment of these high positions.

I came to the camp for the first time in 1951, where I met esteemed persons well versed in the French language. After playing the deaf-mute in a French play, I became devoted to France. Twenty years later I almost proposed to Jean Girandoux, but I found out that in French, Jean is the name of a man.

While spending two months in the utterly insane desolation of the Print Shop, I became addicted to the writing of funny stories which nobody laughed at while they were being read at supper. This led me to becoming an office boy in Ecrivante Cie, where after hard work and bad stories, I advanced rapidly through the positions of Shipping Clerk, Complaint Manager, and 8th, 4th, 3rd, 2nd, and 1st Vice Presidents. I then returned to Buck's Rock for a season, and that fall I became President of the company.

Having lived in the 8-Bunk for two months, I had become accustomed to rising early, being peeked at through windows, and having wet towels thrown in my face. When I applied for a post in Francais-American, I was asked for my credentials. On hearing of my two months in the 8-Bunk they exclaimed, "Monsieur! You are not fit for any post in Francais-American -- except Le President! We will fire ze old one and proclaim you! Anyone from the 8-Bunk is parfait (perfect) for the post! Vive! Vive! Vive! I found out later that the old president had also gone to Buck's Rock, but that he had lived in the Boys House.

I enjoyed my positions at Ecrivante and Francais-American vastly, but I soon became bored with being only a millionaire -- I wished to become a billionaire. To do this I went back to Buck's Rock for a refresher course in ceramics given by Hal Loren himself. When I asked him why he was still alive, he replied, "Old ceramic

counselors never die; they just wedge away."

After this, I became a Vice-President in Ceramik American, where I specialized in the production of mouse tiles. I had now become a billionaire, but success spurred me on to investigate the largest lumber manufacturing organization in Paris -- Bois, Cie. I there met M. Yaschois, general manager in charge of boxes.

My time spent at Buck's Rock also gained me influence, as a Yale man has influence in a lock factory. Mme. Tatte Hochmane and M. Walois Hochmane had organized L'art five years before, and they made me general manager in charge of silkscreening Weeder's Digest covers. I had now become a trillionaire, but I was eager to become what no man had yet achieved -- a quadrillionaire. Even in this task Buck's Rock aided me.

One of the largest theater houses in Paris which has sprung up in the past two years is Chipse, Cie. I decided to investigate this place to see if I could get a role in their new production, "Poeme en la Waselan". All of the advertisements proclaimed it as an "ancient masque", "a great controversial play", etc. When I introduced myself to M. Chipse, he asked, "Were you ever in New Milford?"

I said, "Yes, I was."

"In Buck's Rock?"

"Yes, I was."

"In 1951?"

"Yes."

"Did you play a part in 'Madwoman of Chaillet'?"

"Yes."

"Parfait! I hire you for la Poet. 10,000 francs an hour. Oui?"

"Oui, oui." I replied, "Vive Buck's Rock!"

Though I like Paris and I am a success because of what Buck's Rock has done for me, I still prefer "Oy, Oy." to "Oui, Oui!"

photo-guard against negative scratch

construction-alterations without charge

jewelry-she's lovely, she's engaged
she uses acid

wood shop-when better boxes
are built yasha
will build them

ceramics-it's toasted

werving-loomed to be heirloomed



rint-why be irritated

art-our hand has never lost it's skill

YOURS TO ENJOY

WANDERING AROUND CAMP ONE CANNOT MISS THE SHOPS

Upon entering the Ceramic Shop we can see

slips and vases
kilns and glazes
mattes and mottles
bats and bottles
tiles and tiles
and endless smiles

AND THAT AIN'T ALL

We cross the threshold

and here we find
some lists to sign
enlarger wheels
and film tank reels
films and files
and timer dials
printing rooms
and borrowed brooms
hypo fixer
shortstop mixer

AND THAT AIN'T ALL

A few steps

and through the door
we find lots more
power tools
extension rules
wooden bowls
and drill press holes
palette table
none too stable
sanding, nailing
buzz saws wailing

AND THAT AIN'T ALL

Around the corner we can see



shuttle loom
an outdoor room
red and black
go forth and back
belts we make
threads that break
mats we weave
and now we leave

AND THAT AIN'T ALL

Next door we hear

typewriters clatter
amidst much chatter
mimo turns
as leon burns
type is set
and deadlines met
cutting stencils
losing pencils

AND THAT AIN'T ALL

And into the art shop

painting things
among the strings
lots of toil
with brush and oil
silkscreen pages
Wally rages
fishes break
and campers quake

AND THAT AIN'T ALL

Between the pre-fabs there's a shop

bracelets pins
and acid bins
asphaltum paint
and workers faint
lanyards braid
and earrings made
etching clips
and stuff that drips

AND THAT IS ALL

In Buck's Rock nearly everybody reads the WEEDER'S DIGEST

in this camp there is a newspaper
some people think it is a good newspaper
some people think it is a bad newspaper
this is not true
it is a weeder's digest

every week we have an issue
it is usually a big issue
at it we work very hard
we meet deadlines
we type stencils
we mimeograph pages
we usually waste a lot of paper

the art shop makes covers for us
they are on colored paper
they are nice covers
we like them

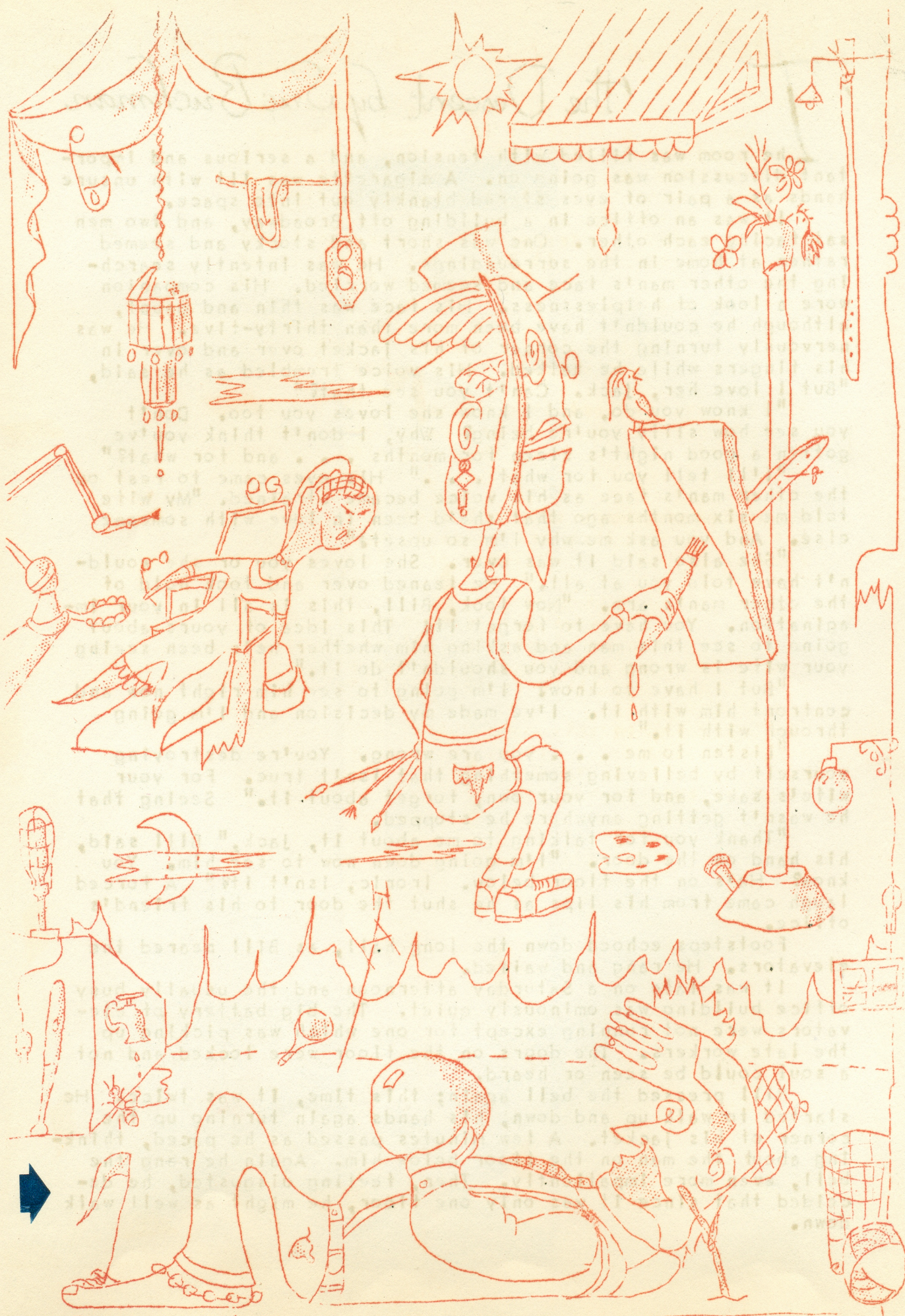
the photography shop makes pictures for us
they are on photographic paper
they are nice pictures
we like them

then we put everything together
then we staple everything together
we give the papers out at dinner
this is the weeder's digest

in this camp there is a newspaper
it is the weeder's digest
we think it is a good newspaper
this is because we work so hard on it
we hope you liked it

the world's greatest art critic; watching the world's
greatest artist, putting the finishing touches on his
greatest painting; and trying to decide whether it
will be the world's greatest, while the world's great-
est art connoisseur watches with critical interest.

by richard foreman



The Descent by Sue Buchman

The room was filled with tension, and a serious and important discussion was going on. A cigarette was lit with unsure hands as a pair of eyes stared blankly out into space.

It was an office in a building off Broadway, and two men sat facing each other. One was short and stocky and seemed rather at home in the surroundings. He was intently searching the other man's face and seemed worried. His companion wore a look of helplessness. His face was thin and gaunt, although he couldn't have been more than thirty-five. He was nervously turning the corner of his jacket over and over in his fingers while he talked. His voice trembled as he said, "But I love her, Jack. Can't you see that?"

"I know you do, and I know she loves you too. Don't you see how silly you're being? Why, I don't think you've gotten a good night's sleep for months . . . and for what?"

"I'll tell you for what . . ." His eyes came to rest on the other man's face as his voice became strained. "My wife told me six months ago that she'd been in love with someone else. And you ask me why I'm so upset?"

"She also said it was over. She loves you or she wouldn't have told you at all." He leaned over and took hold of the other man's arm. "Now look, Bill, this is all in your imagination. You have to forget it! This idea of yours about going to see this man and asking him whether he's been seeing your wife is wrong and you shouldn't do it."

"But I have to know! I'm going to see him right now and confront him with it. I've made my decision and I'm going through with it."

"Listen to me . . . you are wrong. You're destroying yourself by believing something that isn't true. For your wife's sake, and for your own, forget about it." Seeing that he wasn't getting anywhere he stopped.

"Thank you for talking to me about it, Jack," Bill said, his hand on the door. "I'm going down now to see him. You know? He's on the floor below. Ironical, isn't it?" A forced laugh came from his lips as he shut the door to his friend's office.

Footsteps echoed down the long hall, as Bill neared the elevators. He rang and waited.

It was late on a Saturday afternoon and the usually busy office building was ominously quiet. The big battery of elevators were not running except for one which was picking up the late workers. The doors on the floor were locked and not a soul could be seen or heard.

Bill pressed the bell again; this time, it was twice. He started to walk up and down, his hands again turning up the corner of his jacket. A few minutes passed as he paced, thinking about the man on the floor below him. Again he rang the bell, even more impatiently. Then, feeling disgusted, he decided that since it was only one floor, he might as well walk down.

His slow, hesitant steps led him to the door marked "Stairs". He opened it and started on his walk to the next floor. The door closed slowly behind him.

His footsteps sounded down the long stairway as he made his way downward. He reached the next floor and felt for the doorknob. He couldn't feel one. In the dim light, he looked for it, but all he saw was the blank door.

On a sudden impulse, he began to run back upstairs mounting the steps two at a time. His heart began to pound as he reached for the doorknob that he found was not there. He suddenly had the sensation of being trapped and he began to shout through the heavy door, hoping against hope that his friend, Jack, might hear him. He pounded until his fists ached, and his voice became weak. Then, he turned in desperation to look around.

The dim light that was given off by old light bulbs on each floor created an atmosphere of eeriness. He walked over to the well and looked down the twenty-five flights of stairs below him. His own voice rang inside him; "Now look," it said, "take it easy. Jack's office is pretty far away from the stairway. Maybe if I go to the next floor and yell, there will be somebody near enough to the door to hear me. It's ridiculous to get upset."

He started for the second time to descend the stairs and reached the next floor. His voice again echoed through the stillness as he pounded on the heavy door. There was no response. He kept saying to himself that he must take it easy and that he would try again. Another flight he descended, and then another. Each time, terror mounted within him and he began to go faster.

He stopped on the nineteenth floor, and in a split second the thought came to him: what if no one heard him? What if, since it was Saturday afternoon, he was forced to stay trapped in this shaft until Monday? What if he was not found for days? Panic immediately seized him and he broke out in a cold sweat.

He began to run down the long flights. His body cast shadows on the walls, first in back of him and then in front, thinner and fatter. His legs became an unwilling force at his terror-stricken command. His ever-increasing speed threw him almost off balance, but he did not stop. The footsteps became faster and faster, going towards only one goal: the bottom. His only hope was the bottom where there might and yet there might not be a way out. Every floor seemed to him to be more of an obstacle in his way. His eyes became blurred to the point where the stairs below him were an oncoming rush, and he had no sense of feeling except fear. His ears pounded with the sound of his shoes on the concrete stairs.

The bottom approached although he didn't know it and the last flight of stairs was like all the rest. His hand reached out the mechanical way, not knowing what it would find, and the beating of his heart was unbearable. His fingers grasped something and stayed there as if it did not know what to do - as if they were detached from his body. Slowly they

turned the knob, and a rush of oncoming cool air hit him in the face.

It was Broadway and the lights were just beginning to flash on. People were going home to dinner, rushing to and fro. An uncontrollably shaking man was standing in the doorway of a building, his face covered with sweat, his lips quivering.

Bill looked at the flow of activity going on around him and gave a long, deep sigh. After a few minutes, he got hold of himself and began to walk slowly down the busy street, hardly conscious of the ache in his legs. He passed the entrance of the building from which he had come, looked up and smiled to himself. He thought of his wife who would have dinner waiting for him, as he turned a corner and was gone.

Where the road is narrow
It is merely a road
But where the road is wide
There is suddenly a town.
For a minute there is life.

The life is not really life
The shell of it is a human shell, with glass
and concrete and chrome
The noises are human noises: exhaust backfires,
shouts, a blaring jukebox
But the people, in their denims and bright
cottons, are not quite human
or real

All their faces are the same face
All their noises are the same noise
Their glass, concrete, and chrome does not
even form a pattern.

But this surely is life where the road widens
It must be life
It is not the same as before and after the
widening of the road.

Where the road is narrow
It is merely a road
But where the road is wide
There is suddenly a flash of auto horns
and red calico
Some say that is life.

by
Elinore
Eisenson

Sisterhood of cities by Pi Slocum

New York writhes with the raucous noise
Of the thousand fold screen of horns.

Paris smiles lazily
Under a bright screen of rain.

Venice lies on her island like an opulent
Persian cat; straining for the sweet sound of
Adriatic waves against her beaches.

Alexandria perspires and contemplates resignedly
the secondary fate of the Pharaohs.

Constantinople tries in vain to remember the sound
of her new name; how can the city of Constantine
find another name so fair?

Vienna sighs to the tune of gay waltzes
played for the last time many years ago.

Each as different as spring from autumn
and yet they are the same.

In spring Death peers through heavy laden blossoms
into the fast fading faces.

In autumn a leaf crackles in the sun
and Death is here.

Will there ever be a city-fair and with grace
a city of Life?

Immune from the visitation of Death. Permanent
and ageless.

NEW BODIES FOR OLD

This year, as in the past, sports have played a great part in our summer at Buck's Rock. Under the able direction of Joe Strasser, our baseball and basketball activities came off well. Every morning there was baseball instruction in which the fundamentals of the game were taught to all those interested. One result of this instruction was our winning season against New Milford, but the far more important result was the campers, who all their life wanted to play baseball correctly, had the opportunity to learn. Added to our games against New Milford and our annual camper-counselor game, etc., was the little softball league, which boasted over fifty members and which gave all those who wished it, the chance to participate in organized sports. In most cases, the four teams in the league played twice weekly. At the end of the summer, prizes were awarded to the winning team which, like the other teams, manifested good sportsmanship besides baseball skill.

Our basketball program this year was somewhat handicapped by the absence of enough good basketball material to form a team to play New Milford. However, inter-Camp games planned and executed by Joe, Dutch, and the sports committee were held.

This has been a fine summer for water activities and the water front under the direction of Milt Silver has had a fine schedule. Excellent opportunities were provided to acquire the swimming skill which is the primary factor in swimming safety. Life saving instruction has taught the students to meet uncommon situations and assisting and rescuing others. The emphasis has been on the recreational and instructional end rather than competitive swimming.

Archery this year was under the direction of Dutch who, besides teaching the game to a record breaking number of campers, also conducted an archery tournament. Riflery at camp this year was under the guidance of Betty and Dutch and, like archery, it enjoyed tremendous success. Betty and Dutch concentrated on teaching true marksmanship to the campers who used this skill to win N.R.A. awards.

One of the most popular sports at camp this year was tennis which prospered handily under the able direction of Maida. During her instruction periods in the mornings she educated the campers in the technical aspects of tennis.

Riding has always been an important part of our sports program and this year the story wasn't any different. With Larry Smith in charge, our campers learned to ride at the start of the season. During the remainder of their stay, they put their knowledge of horsemanship to use, riding the trail and participating in the horse show.

Ping-pong and badminton this year had the role of filler sports. Because of the short time required to play them they could be played in the midst of the busiest day and thus their popularity was tremendous. Volleyball, which was played mainly during athletic evenings and on several Sunday mornings, enjoyed popularity for the same reasons. Helping to teach these sports were Bergy, Maida, Joe, and C.I.T.'s.

Summerizing our sports program it may be said that, besides being varied and plentiful, it was one of the best experiences of our camp life.



IT'S IN THE BAG

Those hearty souls who have braved mosquitoes, torrential showers, and arctic conditions this summer have been well repaid. It's hard to tell what has been the most fun -- the sleeping late -- good and plentiful (even if a little well done) food -- swimming (especially the diving board belly flops) -- the good ship "Titanic" that sank every few feet at Sandis Field State Forest -- the long truck rides -- things like Bobby's good humor when he upset his patiently cooked breakfast while laughing at a joke -- delicious tastes like that of Jeff's wonderful pancakes served with hot syrup.

Did you know that we have Mike's sound effects, collapsable tents, holes for star gazing, and short sized sleeping bags for taller people (ask Dot and Mike). Also we are probably pioneers in tuxedos at Tanglewood a la pup tents!

The places we've been to, the fellows who have gone, will always be remembered; and funny incidents will be talked about for a long time afterward -- fourteen hot dogs on a one candlepower flame and Pete: "Gosh, that hot dog was hard inside." Mike: "No wonder! You forgot to remove the stick." (P.S. It really happened that way!)

There have been poison ivy hikes to roadside ice cream stands, mountain climbing in the truck, and hikes for firewood as well as hikes up real mountains. They made fun of our ice box and limousine transportation, but our hiking afterward was more fun because of it.

You'd be surprised at how much we learn on trips like these. If they try to give us geology, mathematics, cooking, nature study, or biology in school we fall asleep. But this way, through seeing and doing things with Betty, it's painless.

There's something nice about sitting around a camp fire with your friends and the smell of woods and darkness all around you. Something nice, too, when the flames have died and you crawl into your sleeping bag to be gently lulled to sleep by the noise of the forest and the regular snores of your partners.

laundry -- will not shrink more than 1%

Come, dear campers, and let us pay a visit to B.R. Happy, a typical Buck's Rocker as he happily goes through his day at camp. Like many, he tries many activities--some he likes, some he detests. First, let us see him in the one he detests-----

GETTING UP.....The sleep's left in

25--26--27--28-----"Why must that confounded gong ring so many times?" Suddenly a cold, wet, dirty towel was thrown in his face. Then the blankets were thrown off him. Such is the greeting of B.R. Happy to the bright, cold morning at Buck's Rock. Alas! "How can I dress with her standing at the window saying, 'Hurry up and get dressed!'"

BREAKFAST.....Why take less?

Uh--uh--ugh--ow---Don't hustle your bustle, Russell! Hey!-----Such is the Buck's Rocker's introduction to the cold cereal, pancakes, toast, and eggs. "Hey, Steve! (At this point half of the people in the dining hall turn around). Finally, Happy spots his Steve, who is on the opposite side of the room. Struggling past chairs, spilling his own and many other people's cereal, tripping over and under people, he finally reaches his bosom friend. "Steve!" he cries joyfully. "Happy!" Steve cries, upsettin g two pitchers of milk. Ah, sweet breakfast!

CLEANUP.....There's a mess in your future

What a mess! What a mess! Poor Happy is the unproud owner of an upper bunk, and so he must wait until his lower bunk-mate makes his bed to make his own. Of course, his lower bunk-mate isn't there yet but Happy knows that as soon as he starts to make his, Lower Bunk will come marching in. So he starts reseignedly to clean his shelves...Finally, L.B. is through, and Happy starts to make his bed. What does he find in it? Bees, ants, spiders, moths, and w-w-wasps. Brave Happy makes his bed but just think of his rest tonight!

LAUNDRY.....We wash the cleanest clothes in town

This is Friday. Friday is laundry day. "Where are my socks?" "I have $5\frac{1}{2}$ pairs this week....Who hocked the other half?" Happy is shy. I don't have enough under---" Oh well. When laundry is through, the unpleasant chores are completed and the day at Buck's Rock begins.

FARM WORK.....We grow our own

Happy has been working on the farm for two months, but he still doesn't know the difference between carrot tops and weeds. This causes poor Bergie to tear his hair out and teach him the difference, but five minutes later, he is still picking out young $\frac{1}{2}$ grown carrots. If any parents find in

their bunch of carrots that they bought for 19¢ a few weeds, Happy apologizes. After all, we all make mistakes.

REST HOUR.....The sleep left out

Rest hour. The hour of rest. As Happy entered to lie down, there was a four cornered catch going on, and he just missed having an eternal rest hour as he wandered about the room. Happy decided to put in a claim for the comic which had soared to popularity since Ernie's speech--dear Dogface--but there were six people ahead of him. As he reached for a book, another hand grabbed the other side and pulled it out from under him. Finally---Bong! Bong! Bong! The hour of rest was over. As everyone scrambled out of the room, Happy went to sleep. Ah!

IN THE SHOPS.....Make it queer

Happy, it seems, had an insane desire to make money, and so he spent Friday afternoon in the shops. He started at the Ceramic end to complete the bowl he had begun for his dear mother who told him that there was nothing she would like better. After throwing his clay into Marilyn's face while wedging, breaking up six of the molds and using a red bat for gray clay, he went on into the art shop. After removing and misplacing all the pencils, building a relief map out of Wally's paints, and painting a picture on the back of Pi's pointillism piece, he moved on into the photo shop. Upon his entry there, he was initiated with the funnel trick, and he started to open up one of the boxes in the cubby holes. He was then shooed through the door into the wood shop where he viewed Yascha making his millionth box. After getting his hand stuck in the band saw, he flew through the window into that mess of all messes-----the Print Shop. "The roller is inked!" The roller is inked! The ROLLER is inked!" "Who ruined that stencil? Now we must do it over again!" "Don't use so much ink on the press! Why don't you all go-----" Happy had at last found his match, and he snuck quietly out of the shop to return to the Social Hall in time for-----

CHORUS.....Tuned to the stars

B.R. Happy is a typical chorus member---he goes to $\frac{1}{4}$ of the rehearsals and all of the performances. He is a tenor, but he sits with the sopranos-----Dave Katz has often wondered at this strange combination-----but he loudly sings the bass part to "The Heavens Are Telling"--and at the concert on the village green, we find Happy--still doing his worst.

SLEEP.....The sleep left

Evening activities are now over and the bunkmates all come trooping in, and begin disrobing. Everyone is dead, for it is hard work propelling girls around the campus. Happy gets dressed, goes into the bathroom, brushes his teeth, washes up, and looks into the mirror at himself. Reflecting, he thinks: "It's been a good day. A typical Buck's Rock day."

So long, Steve, see you tonight." He put on his coat and hat, and stepped out into the February morning.

A warm rain was falling, and it transformed the winter snow into a thick river of slush. As he walked through the puddles, his pants soaked up the water, chilling his legs. Then he remembered his overshoes, which he had left behind him.

"How absent-minded can you be?" he said to himself. Turning around, he went back to get them. There they were, on Steve's back stoop. It infuriated him that he could have been so careless. He put them on, and started off for home.

The rain was really coming down now. "If the day continued in the same fashion," he thought, "he would probably go to the movies."

Then, his mind wandered to the party which he was going to in the evening. He hoped that it would be good, especially for Danny's sake. Danny was going with Julia now, and had even given her a ring. He was suddenly brought to life by Trudy, a neighbor's dog, who was walking by. He called her to him and stroked her back. It was smoothed today; Mrs. Gordon must have brushed it.

After walking some more, he neared his house. Through the mist he recognized his aunt's car. "I guess she's helping with the new curtains," he thought to himself.

He passed the familiar blue and white doll house on the corner of his street, and soon was mounting the staircase leading to his front door. He wiped his overshoes, opened the door, and walked in.

"Hello, Sally. How are you today?" he called to the family maid, who was dusting in the living room.

"I'm O.K.," she replied. "Your mother's upstairs. You better go see her."

There was a queer tone in her voice as she spoke, but he dismissed it without much thought. He noticed that his dad's armchair was out of place, so he straightened it, and then went upstairs.

"Hi ma, how is breakfast?" he called from the landing of the purple-carpeted stairs, "Steve's parents are going to drive me to the party tonight, so you can go to the movies."

He climbed a few remaining stairs, and walked down the hall to the master bedroom. His mother was there, but something was wrong! Tears were pouring down her face. His father and aunt were there also, trying to console her.

"Good God, mom, what's the matter?" he cried anxiously.

"Andy, dad got a phone call from Florida. Your grandmother --- is dead!"

By Andy Morrison

TAILORED TO FIT



It's hard to exactly gauge what "intellectual" means, but those who conceive of it meaning someone who prefers Keats to kites and Brahms to ballads must surely be wrong.

I suppose, really, that an intellectual is someone with enough general curiosity to probe into things without losing appreciation for the antique, the well-worn, the tried and trusted.

Then I can say that this summer at Buck's Rock has had hundreds of explaining experiences.

Our musical activities spread far and wide, until there was almost always some really fine music being played.

Our chorus sang and sang, until the roof rang and their mouths ached. But the result was music. And good music. And even more, good fun.

Our dramatic work can hardly be better described than by exploratory. And incidentally, marvellous.

And we were never at a loss for a good discussion. Usually impromptu and usually fiery! And in the most mad places! What invigorating literary debates on the chow line. Proust and pickles. But all in one spirit, that of curiosity.

Our Art Shop complied to the Museum of Modern Art. Everyone was trying something new and combining their ideas with things already solved.

We read our eyes out, remember? Even in competition with Dogface Dooley, our precious pocket books became well read and well thumbed through, and dog ears reigned.

I'm sure that this summer will stay with us forever. Because of what we've done and what we've learned. We're even readier to learn what is before us, on our ways through life.

And when we look back we'll smile.

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it's the blend that makes the difference

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WAS ALMOST "MUSIC YEAR" AT BUCK'S ROCK. Under the general supervision of the music committee, headed by the competent and talented Dave Katz, good music flourished throughout the camp season.

The Camp's first major musical evening was presented in form of a show entitled "Music, Dance and Comedy". The singing of the Chorus at the close of the production was indeed beautiful, but this was only a preview of what was to come.

On Friday, August 17th, both Orchestra and Chorus contributed to a very impressive evening of music on the Village Green of New Milford. Our musicians started off the evening by playing marches and folk music of different countries. After intermission the town hall was floodlighted, showing our Chorus in full array on the steps. They sang a varied program ending with an inspiring performance of "The Heavens Are Telling" from Haydn's "Creation".

Winding up our music season, the Orchestra, Chorus, and Dramatic department recorded the story of Stephen Foster. This included an overture background music by the Chorus, vocal solos, and quartets. The play was presented on Festival Day and proved a success.

During the season many wonderful evenings were spent listening to recorded music. Everything from "Guys and Dolls" to Beethoven's Ninth was played and enjoyed by all.

Then, there was the trip to the Berkshire Music Festival at Tanglewood, where we heard the Brahms's Second and Fourth Symphonies and his Variations on a Theme by Haydn.

Looking back over the summer we fondly recall many pleasant hours spent in playing and singing folk songs. We can almost say that you spell Buck's Rock with folk singing.

Yes, this was a busy year in music, and another step in continuing our long range program to make music a really integral constructive force at Buck's Rock.

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factors contributing to the success of this season at Buck's Rock were the dramatic and motion picture programs.

The Drama department offered three productions. The first offering was Basil Burwell's Masque for the stage, "Poet In The Wasteland". This play was by far the most stimulating of the season. So strong was the sentiment, both pro and con, that a special meeting was organized to discuss the play. The play was an arrangement for the stage of such poems as "The Hollow Men" and "The Wasteland".

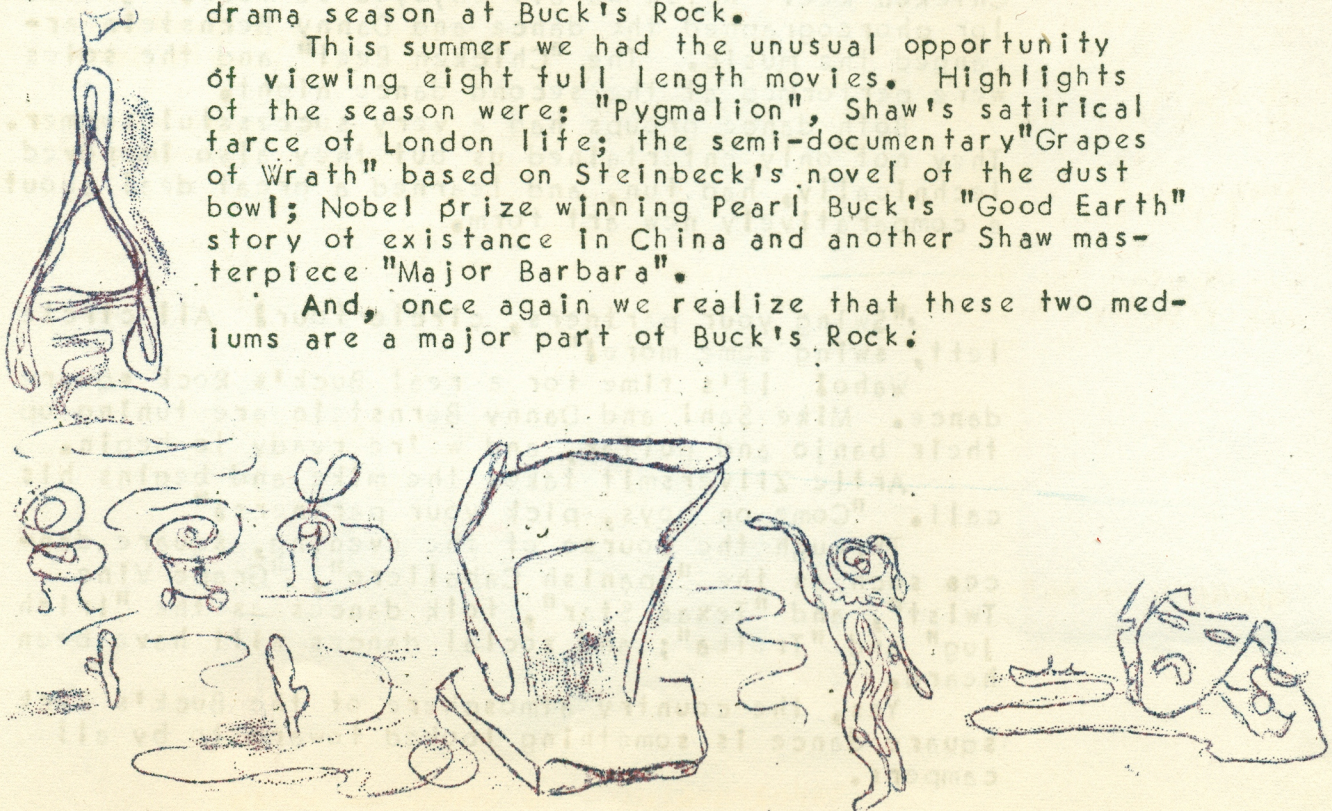
In a sequence of unrelated scenes it told of modern man's search for his soul. It was one of the most unconventional plays produced at Buck's Rock. Everyone, supporters and critics, must admit to its being a new experience in the theatre.

The following night, "Feudin' No More", an original play by Basil Burwell was presented. A complete departure from the style of the former production. "Feudin' No More" was enjoyed for all it was, an unpretentious comedy on hillbilly feuds.

The final production of the year was the Giraudoux escapade "The Mad Woman of Chaillot" adapted to English by Maurice Valency. It is a delightful fantasy with biting satire relating the madwomen's struggle to rid the world of evil men. This exciting production brought to a close a successful drama season at Buck's Rock.

This summer we had the unusual opportunity of viewing eight full length movies. Highlights of the season were: "Pygmalion", Shaw's satirical farce of London life; the semi-documentary "Grapes of Wrath" based on Steinbeck's novel of the dust bowl; Nobel prize winning Pearl Buck's "Good Earth" story of existence in China and another Shaw masterpiece "Major Barbara".

And, once again we realize that these two mediums are a major part of Buck's Rock.



MORE BOUNCE TO THE OUNCE



The dance program, directed by Rhoda Levine, this summer has been as varied as it has been interesting. The members of the group showed their versatility by participating, not only in their own work but also in the dramatic productions. Many of them appeared in "Poet in the Wasteland" and "Feudin' No More".

The dance program became so popular that it was necessary to split the group up into sections, groups A and B. In the first Music and Dance night, members of both groups participated. They presented an interpretation of a South African Veld song and a duet to the American folk song, "Black is the Color of my True Love's Hair".

Dance group A worked under the guidance of Rhoda. The classes consisted of learning technique and and doing interpretive dance. We all enjoyed their group project, "The Emperor's New Clothes". During the early part of the summer everyone had a chance to interpret each role and it was from these interpretations that the cast was chosen. In the weeks following this performance the concentrated on technique and interpretive dance. With Mike Sahl's accompaniment and Rhoda's assistance the members did their own spontaneous choreography. The girls discussed certain emotions which they then translated into dance form. Many of these dances were seen at the last Music and Dance night of the season.

Jo Taylor, with Mike Sahl and Danny Bernstein as accompanists, worked with dance group B. The class concentrated primarily on technique, this was put into use in their solos and group project, "The Chicken Reel" which we all enjoyed so much. Jo Taylor choreographed the dance and Danny Bernstein arranged the music. The "Chicken Reel" and the solos were performed at the second dance night.

Both dance groups had a very successful summer. They not only entertained us but they also improved technically, had fun, and learned a great deal about a comparatively new art form.

"Swing your partners, circle four! All circle left, swing some more!"

Wahoo! It's time for a real Buck's Rock square dance. Mike Sahl and Danny Bernstein are tuning up their banjo and guitar, and we're ready to begin.

Artie Zilversmit takes the mike and begins his call. "Come on boys, pick your partners!"

Through the course of the evening, square dances such as the "Spanish Caballero", "Grape Vine Twist", and "Texas Star", folk dances as the "Irish Jug" and "Troika"; and social dances will have been heard.

Yes, the country atmosphere of the Buck's Rock square dance is something looked forward to by all campers.



Manhattan Trilogy

by Richard Foreman

John

The golden stream of sunlight plays hide and seek among the ash-cans of the littered alley. The voice of the new day begins its song. A poor man stirs, and then wakes. He was awakened by the child next door. Who can blame the child for screaming. There he lay in his bed; a rock which was hard and had absorbed the sweat and tears of his whole family before him; he had added his own also. When he chewed on the rock, it tasted as one might expect. He didn't like that taste.

The poor man woke and rose and looked out the window. A great snake went hissing past overhead and his room seemed to shake and settle even more into the filth of the city. But he did not mind these discarded peices around him, he did not know any better. He could not know any better.

Down in the street there were children throwing pieces of New York while dodging those thrown by others. One was hit and ran to a discarded building for shelter, but being very brave, he did not cry. Then through a hole in the wall of the house, a boy threw a stone at him, and again hit him. Now the child realized that the outcast whom he had sought for protection had no interest in giving shelter any more; how could he when he was in such a disreputable condition.

The poor man didn't think about this though, so he was happy, and went down in the street to think. The people, the important things, were here.

Tony smelled of fish, his cart smelled of fish even more.

The poor man looked at the outcast buildings. They screamed, but without raising their voices, "God, why don't they kill us, and end our agony instead of torturing us with trying to make our broken

bones go as far as possible."

The poor man sympathized with them, but only outwardly. To him it didn't seem so bad; of course he didn't know any better, he couldn't know any better. Then through the echoing and hideous din of the slum, he heard a different noise and saw a different sight. A rich man drove by in a car. He sat down on the littered curb and thoughtfully watched the car speed further and further away, out of his reach, and then hearing, and then, sight.

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Shall the rich car speed from you all your life?

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The poor man worked in the sewer. The sewage of New York is perhaps better than that of some cities, but it is certainly worse than others.

The cold, dirty water leaped into the poor man's glove. His whole hand became wet, and cold, and slimy.

The poor man now knew there were people in the city better than he. It made him mad to hear their spirited movement on the street above him, so he decided to go up on the same street, and move, and be better than someone else, also. This didn't work. He stood shivering in the wilderness of the city's congestion.

All the while, the river of people raced past him. His out of placeness overheated him; he wished he could jump into the river to cool himself.

He could steal something in the store across the street. That only gave him temporary security. He went on top of the building,

There he saw the whole city looking at him.

"Get down you beggar, stop your false elevation."

So he got down and walked far and saw flowers and trees and all the lovely things of nature. He thought he had wanted beautiful things. He didn't, he couldn't stand their solem mocking beauty. Then off in the distance he saw the lights, penetrating the pupils of his eye with a human persistence. They called him, and he had to go, because he didn't know any better. If he could have, he would have explained to himself that a man is born with many things, the most important, love; and many people love - - - - -

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The city.

Once upon a time there was a man and a woman and a child. The man was an average class American citizen. One of those people who live in a house just like the one next door, and eats the same dinner as the people next door, and has the same passions and desires as the man next door. One of those people who takes the bus to the office every day. As the man looked out the window of the bus, he saw a young girl. He desired her for a split second; the poor man wouldn't because he had often fulfilled his desires; the rich man wouldn't because he had convinced himself that his money stabilized him so, he didn't have these desires; but the average man must go through life having everything within inches of his reach, but just beyond.

Everyone in the office liked him. One of these friends asked him if he liked his vacation in the country.

"It was great, yes, but near the end it got on my nerves, so

lonely in the woods."

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Together they nodded knowingly.

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The man worked in a taxicab company. The city supplied all of the business. he looked out the window and a girl sat down beside him. He tried not to move and kept on looking.

The great fingers pushing holes in the blue sky. The people. He loved to look at and feel the people. He always looked at them during lunch. From where he sat he could not hear their hearts, so that all seemed so happy and simply conceived that they poisoned them with a ridiculous joy. He sat there, and made random comments as the gigantic amusement park sped around him. They presented their merits to him in the usual, outlined form of his life. The rollercoaster elevated railways; the carroussel of the tours around the city; the ferris wheel, of of the rising, dropping moods of the great town; the tunnel of love subways; the funhouse the theatres; the parachute lift elevators; the of mirrors traffic; and the freaks, the tallest, the biggest, the tattooed and the swallowing. The park gave Joe something to occupy his brain. Certainly better thoughts than those which would help the park in Joe's surprisingly enough, basically unhappy mind, would have found their way. The city was a protective pillow which he could hide behind from his troubles, fears, weaknesses, and some un-nameable things which always lurked at the back of a man's mind.

The girl got up, and her elbow brushed against his exposed neck. A muscle twitched and he looked up, and, met by her thinking and penetrating eyes, looked down again. He would have to sew the tear in the pillow, tonight, but he had plenty of thread.

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The city supported and protected him. He needed the city. Some love it, and some need it.

Stephen

The sun came up over the inquisitive roof-tops, and burst in full force through the large window into the contentedly satisfying room. It woke none, however. No poor soul opened his eyes to add another chapter to his stuttering saga. A man was there, though; a man who was, it seems, a bit too full of liquor. New York and liquor have one thing in common, both have an overwhelming power of intoxication.

Stephen is the man's name. He has a lot of money; a lot of fame; and strangely enough, a lot of ability and (stranger still) respect. He has given a lot to New York. The people of the metropolis owe a lot to him.

Stephen was dancing last night. He asked the girl if she loved him, and she pretended to say yes.

Stephen was drunk, so he decided to tell her about himself and his city. He was already rich when he reached New York. He walked down the street, and bought things in the stores, appreciated the buildings, he loved them. During the day he would look up at them and show them off to his apprentices as his friends. But at night, lying in the darkness of his room, where he could only see their massive, and hidden expanses, he came to know they hated him. He would walk down the artificially lit streets, and all the lights focused their attention on him. Anywhere in the city he could go he found the surroundings hostile. He felt the sounds of the city were building up

to some terrible climax and he was afraid that he might be concerned in it. The pulse of the city throbbed, as if the town was running hard, trying to catch him.

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Finally, in despair, he flung himself into the trees of the park to escape. Through the foliage he walked, but every so often, casting a glance upward, hoping to catch a glimpse of one of the great towers. This was calm his fears that perhaps he was so distasteful to them, they would leave him, never to return. Coming out of exile, he was relieved by their realness, but again became lost. Then he saw a sign, "Keep your city clean". Below it was an empty candy box. He stopped for a while, and sat down on the curb and thought. Then he picked up the box and carefully put it in the basket, and then he saw another box, and threw it away. Soon he was throwing away bigger things, old buildings perhaps.

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Old souls are constantly being revised. They are better than new.

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The city didn't stare at him anymore. Now they exchanged glances as two men who love each other might do. He knew that all that was expected of him was love, an active love that gave, not only received. Stephen said to the girl, "You will learn this also - I sound like a teacher".

The girl said, "You do", and she laughed.

He realized he would have to suffer more, but he was happy.

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The remainder of the day was spent in much the same position as the first part. Then he went to bed, Stephen opened the window and looked out. It was still light, and some children were playing dodgeball. One little girl fell, and skinned her knee; she started to cry, and ran to a big white building to sit down on the step. Once on the step of the big building, she felt better and started to laugh.

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Stephen cheered.

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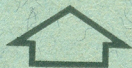
He looked and sniffed the air, and soothed the building with the palm of his hand. He said, "Part of this is mine".

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The city cheered.

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Stephen needed the city now to express what was in his mind and heart. Some love it, some need it, and some are needed by the city.



eventually. why not now?



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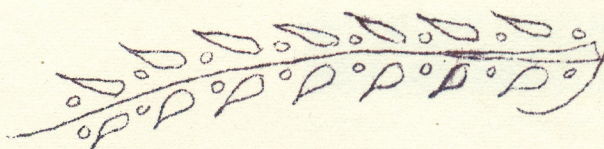
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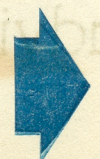
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